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BE it known that I, the subscriber obtained letters patent in December, 1851, for apparatus for the destructive distillation of an apparatus for the destructive distillation of wood, and the making therefrom of tar or pitch at pleasure, and gas; and that in the judgment of competent persons the invention of an appartus recently patented by W. D. Porter cannot be used by him or any other person without infringing my said patent. And, further, that what is patented by said Porter rightfully belongs to me, as I expect to prove ere long before the United States Patent Office; and, further, that the use of said Porter's invention involves also a process said Porter's invention involves also a process which I am now claiming before the United States Patent Office, and which has been adjudged to be patentable to the first inventor thereof, and which said W.D. Porter has formally disclaimed, as ap-pears upon the public records of said office, of which an official copy is hereto annexed, and also

copy of his claims.
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show the true state of the case:

United STATES PATENT OFFICE Sir. In reply to your letter of this date, asking if any patent has been granted to W. D. Porter, lated 22d August, 1854, or at any other time, or any other person or persons. dated 22d August, 1854, or at any other time, or to any other person or persons, securing to him or them "the exclusive right of making gas from twood," and whether any such claim was made by W. D. Porter, under his application for a patent, which letters patent were issued bearing the above date, you are informed that W. D. Porter's claims are believed to be c nfined to his apparatus; and, further, this office is not aware that a patent has been ground heretofyen for the exclusion. patent has been granted heretofore for the exclu-sive right of making gas from word. It would, however, be unjustifiable to expect me to make an extended investigation to answer your re-

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